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In re Application of:) Application Division
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 The present communication is in response to the "NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED
 APPLICATION PAPERS..." dated November 19, 2001.

[] Attached hereto is an executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63, identifying the present application by title and serial number.

[] Applicant claims small entity status. See CR 1.27.

[] Preliminary Amendment.

[XX] An Information Disclosure Statement with list of references and 29 references is also attached.

[] A Preliminary Amendment

[] An exact English language translation of the PCT application as originally filed.

[XX] Other documents: An abstract of the technical disclosure required under 37 CFR 1.72 (b).

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[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

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[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time:
 If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, authorizing payment the amount of \$.00 s enclosed to cover the above fees.

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR 1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR 1.18.

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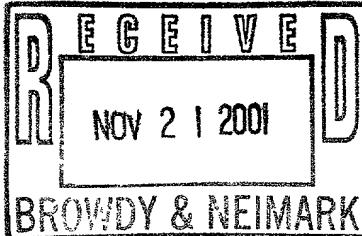
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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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